

Bishopton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th January 2021

At 7:00pm by remote access.

This meeting was held remotely, under the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Cllrs: N Melaney (Chair), S. Harker , J. Robins, D Latham, G. Preston, L MacMahon, M. Moses and L Foggett [Parish Clerk].

Apologies for Absence: None

214 Public Participation

214.1 With Covid 19 and the 'lockdown' there was no public participation

215 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda:

Cllr Preston expressed an interest in activity on Mill Lane.

Cllr Robins & Cllr Harker expressed an interest as members of the Playground Association committee.

216 Previous Minutes:

216.1 The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the Chairperson as a true record of the PC meeting of 16th December 2020. Cllr Preston asked if the Mill Lane hill sign had been repaired/restored, the clerk will contact DBC Highways dept. again.

217 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

217.1 Traffic Monitoring and Community Speedwatch

The clerk reported that he had read the speed monitors, the traffic was less than normal but there were instances of traffic speeding on the High Street in excess of 60 mph (behind the monitor sign), and on the Green in excess of 40mph and Mill Lane between 30 and 40 mph.

Cllr Melaney asked last meeting if we could use our monitors as part of a speedwatch exercise. The clerk has asked this question of the police who reported that the speedwatch monitors were police property and were calibrated by them.

217.2 Playground – progress report.

Cllr Melaney reported that the second grant application had been approved for £3000 not £5000 which we applied for. Cllr Melaney will continue to pursue other grant funding, he is in contact with The National Lottery about funding. Cllr Melaney reported that the Village Hall were viewing a donation to the Playground.

The Playground Association will meet and decide on what we afford to buy with the current funding and this will be discussed at the next PC meeting

217.3 The Calendar/Diary for 2020

There were no further additions to the calendar. The Councillors asked if other items can be added to the calendar, for example dates for subscriptions and Insurance renewals etc. The Village Green inspection was discussed and will be dated next meeting – the inspection last year was on 8th April.

218 Planning Applications:

- a. The Clerk reported no decisions on 20/01185/FUL- an extension and garage at West End – the council returned no comment. DBC awaiting decision.
- b. The Clerk reported no decisions on 20/00863/FUL- an agricultural building at Sundial Farm – the council returned no comment. DBC awaiting decision
- c. The Clerk reported the application 20/00872/SCR- a request for screening opinion pursuant to the development of a Solar farm off Redmarshall Rd. We await the outcome of the request.
- d. The Clerk reported application 20/00923/FUL erection of a single story orangery extension to Plum Tree cottage Downlands Farm – no decision
- e. The Clerk reported application 20/01002/FUL erection of an extension to the cottage Downlands Farm – no decision.

219 Matters Raised by Councillors & Clerk:

219.1 Defibrillator

We are awaiting an invoice for the installation work and then the grant monies awarded in April can be claimed.

The unit will be inspected on a fortnightly basis to check the door mechanism and the supply to the cabinet. The clerk will inspect on a monthly basis before each Council meeting and Cllr Melaney will inspect in the intervening fortnight.

We have had notification from DBC that they will provide the electricity for a second installation in the village if this is on a free standing pole and not attached to a building. Cllr Melaney will circulate the decision from DBC.

219.2 The Bus Shelter

Cllr Melaney has received quotations for the work and will forward this to Cllr Robins and Cllr Latham and we will discuss this further at the next meeting.

219.3 The Precept 2021

The Council precept was lodged with DBC on 6th January. The new level of £9206 was recorded.

219.4 The Police, Crime and Victim Commissioner's precept 2020-2021 consultation

The Council received the consultation document and after some discussion resolved to object to the increase in precept for the police service and write to the Commissioner to request details of how this increase will benefit Bishopton.

219.5 Public Rights of way

The Rights of Way officer for DBC -Mr Steve Petch has contacted the council and reported that the land owner has agreed to replace the sign on Mill Lane we will investigate as to whether this has been done.

The clerk will respond to the resident who complained regarding worries about dog access to the footpaths and include the responses from DBC.

Cllr Robins asked if she could post details of Rights of Way and other footpaths on Facebook. Cllr MacMahon will investigate the rules about footpaths and ploughed fields.

219.6 Village Litterpick

The Council would like to thank Mr Wood, Mr Fieldhouse Mr Hall and Mrs Harker for picking litter around the village.
Cllr Robins will post on Facebook to inform villagers where they can get litter pickers and bags. Cllr Harker will see to obtaining more equipment from DBC.

219.7 Fly Tipping

This has been collected by DBC.

219.8 Village Fayre

Although we are unable to be sure about the future after the lockdown, we should start thinking about the Village Fayre. Cllr Melaney suggested that this was probably best done by a group outside the main Parish Council meetings. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

219.9 Resident survey – consultation

Cllr Robins was concerned that we need to consult further with residents about their needs and requirements for the village going forward. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

220 Village Green

220.1 Village Green Trees surveyupdate

Now that we have received planning permission for the work on the trees on the village green, the clerk has ordered the work to be done by DBC. The order was made on 19th January.

221 Financial

221.1 2020-2021 budget monitoring & current financial position

The clerk presented the accounts and the current financial position

221.2 Organisation of payments from Petty cash

There were claims from the clerk for £13.98 for plastic boxes for the bus stop - this was approved proposed by Cllr Latham and seconded by Cllr. Moses and £19.77 for printer ink, this was proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Latham.

222 Correspondence

It was decided to add only a brief summary of correspondence as detailed lists of email etc. are available if required.

INCOMING

NALC ONLINE EVENTS

Vaccination rollout begins

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Re: News about Footpaths

NALC Newsletter | January 2021

Re: Footpaths & Dog walking

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Notification of registration on County Durham Plan

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Re: Footpaths and dog walking
Christmas Flyer/Bishopton Buddies
West End planning application
Footpaths and dogs
Re: Bishopton Salary
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OUTGOING

Re: litter & street scene
News about Footpaths
Finance Documents January 2021
Documents for meeting on 20th January
Footpaths & Dog walking
Re: Grit bin
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Draft papers for the meeting on 20th January
Parish Response to 20/01185/FUL
Insurance
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concerns
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Bishopton Salary

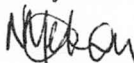
223 Matters Dealt with since last meeting

224. Date of Next Meeting:

The meeting closed at 9:12 pm.

Next Meeting 7:00 pm on Wednesday 17th February 2021 .

Signed: Chairperson: _____



Date _____

17/02/2021